

Predicting Soybean Rust Epidemics Using Meteorological Trajectory Analysis and Aerobiological Information

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Aerobiology

Aerobiology is often considered the "microbiology" of the atmosphere. It is the study of the movement of biological particles (bioaerosols) or products of organisms within the atmosphere or within the indoor environment.

By its very nature, the field of aerobiology is interdisciplinary with meteorology and aerosol physics at its core and with applications in the fields of agriculture, plant pathology, allergy, public health, immunology, palynology, biochemistry, and microbiology.

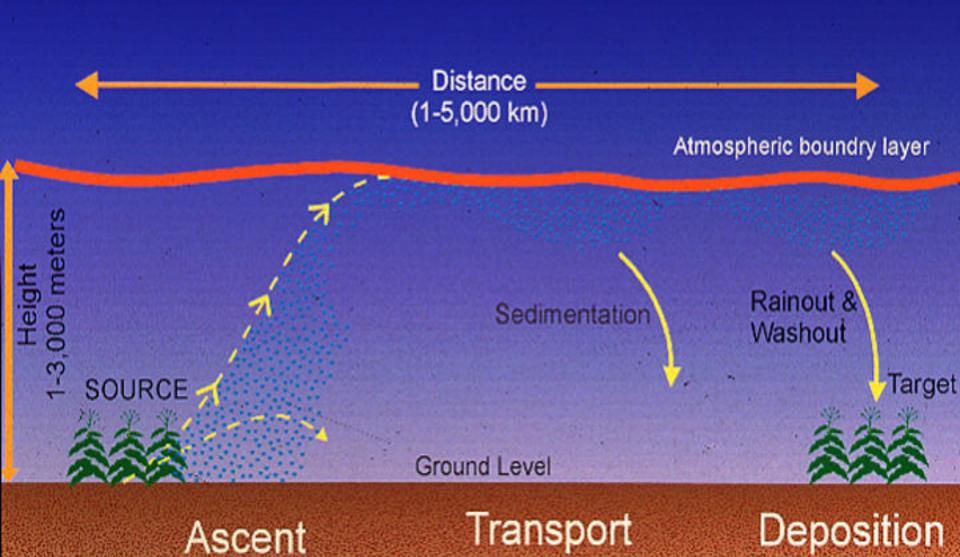
Definition of BIOMETEOROLOGY

BIOMETEOROLOGY is an interdisciplinary science studying the interactions between atmospheric processes and living organisms - plants, animals, and humans. It concerns the process-response system of energy and matter flows within the biosphere.

DEFINITION of a Plant Disease Epidemic

The dynamic biological process that occurs when a population of the pathogen (spores, etc.) attacks a population of hosts (fields) over time (days, weeks) and space (km, miles) as influenced by environment (temperature, leaf wetness, winds, etc.) and the actions of growers (fungicides, varieties, cultural practices) resulting in losses in yield and quality of the agricultural product.

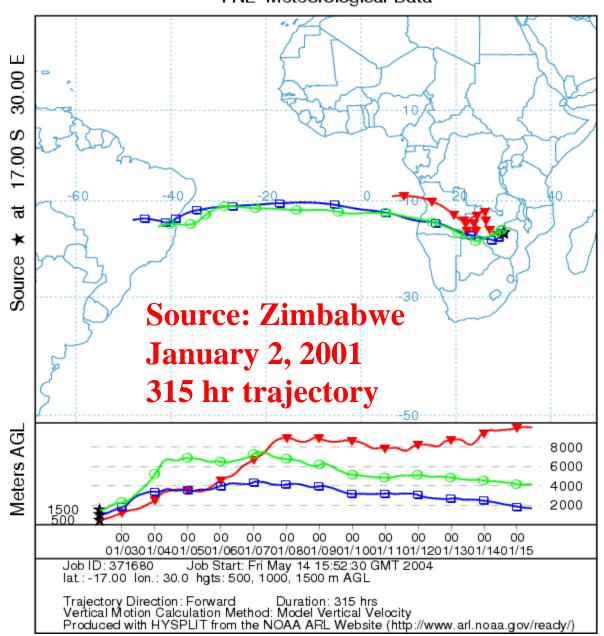
Atmospheric Transport of Spores



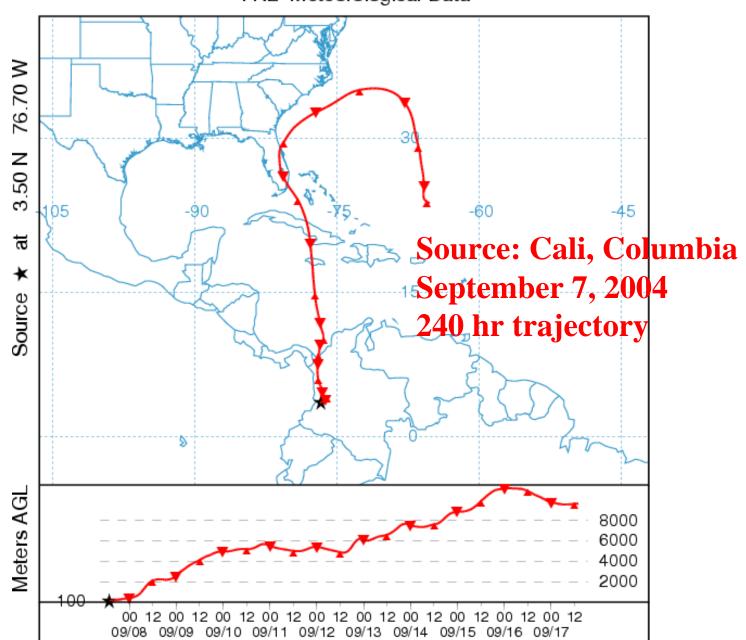
A Weather-Based Assessment of Soybean Rust Threat to North America

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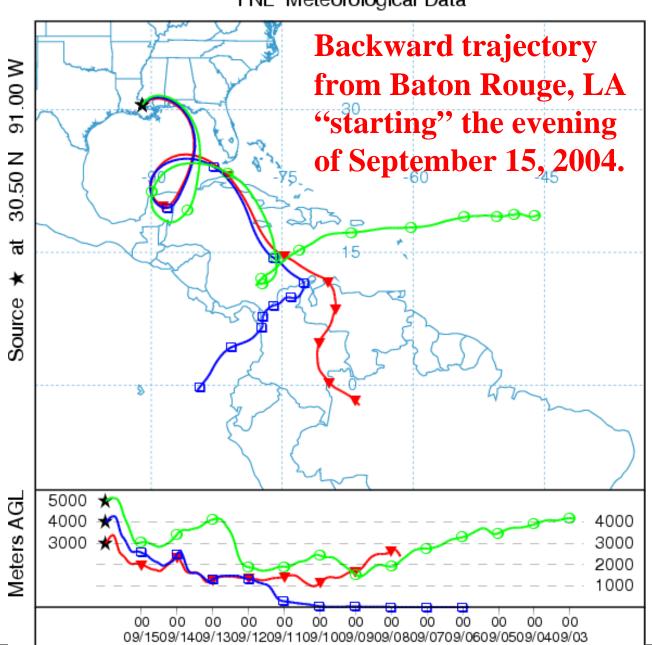
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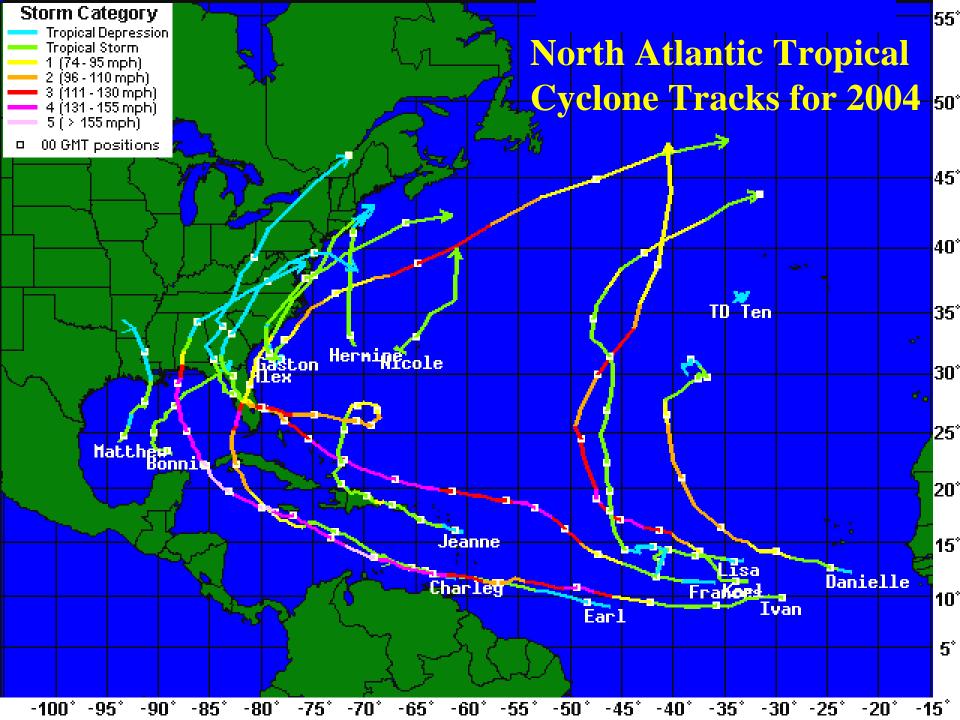


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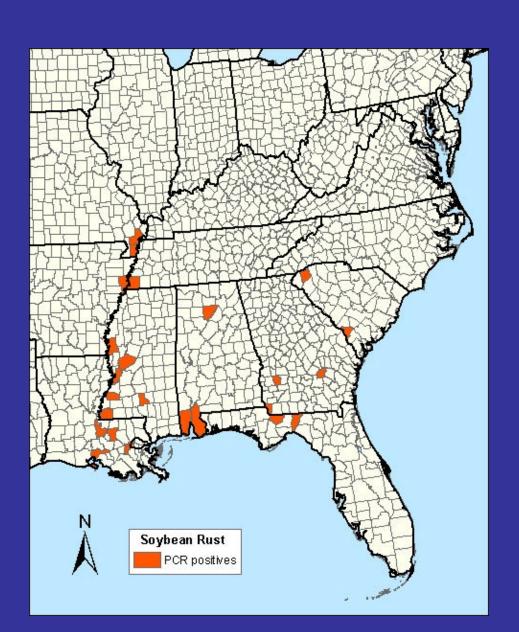


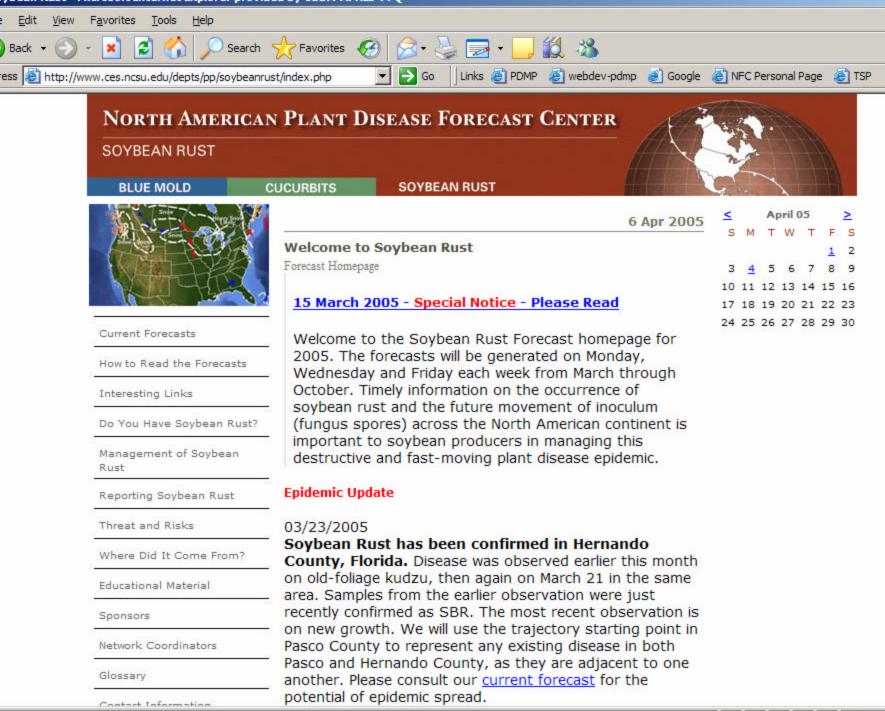


2004 Tropical Weather Systems	Interaction with trajectories	Likelihood of spore transport reaching United States
Hurricane Alex	None	None
Tropical Storm Bonnie	Highly Unlikely	Highly Unlikely
Hurricane Charley	Highly Likely	Highly Unlikely
Hurricane Danielle	None	None
Tropical Storm Earl	None	None
Hurricane Frances	Highly Likely	None
Tropical Storm Gaston	None	None
Tropical Storm Hermine	None	None
Tropical Depression 10	None	None
Ivan	Highly Likely	Distinct Possibility
Jeanne through Nicole*	None*	Highly Unlikely / None

Table 1: 2004 Tropical weather systems and their potential impact on atmospheric transport of soybean rust spores from South America to the continental United States

SBR Detections in US - 2004



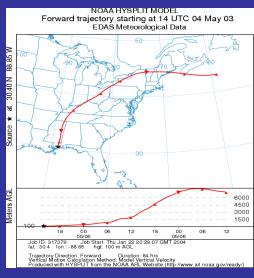


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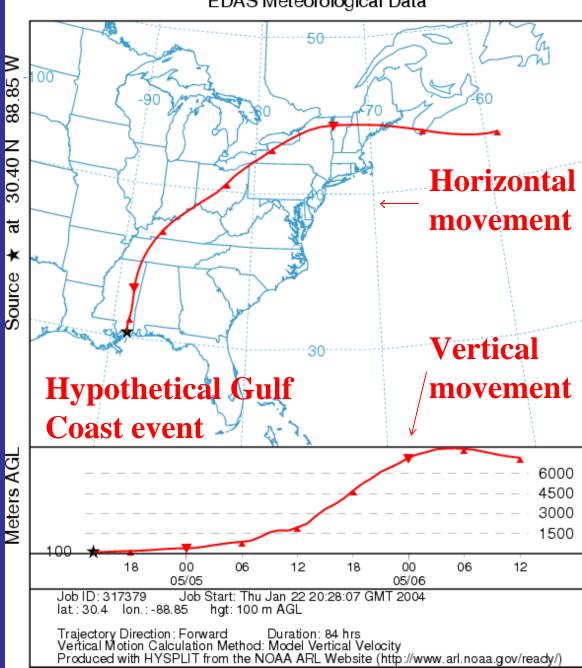
HYSPLIT IN THE TRAJECTORY MODE

In trajectory mode, the output is a line or curve on a map. Each atmospheric trajectory represents the forecast time-space pathway that the center of a cloud of airborne particles would take when released at a given location, day, time,

and vertical elevation(s).



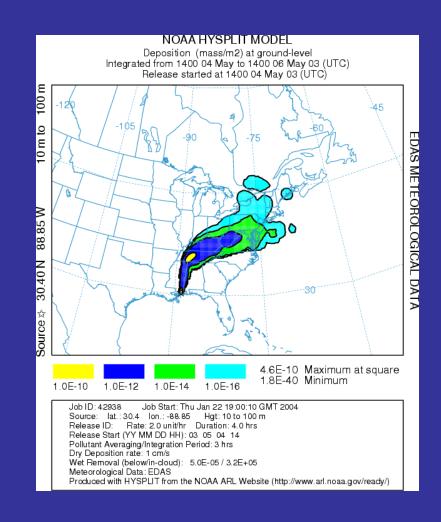
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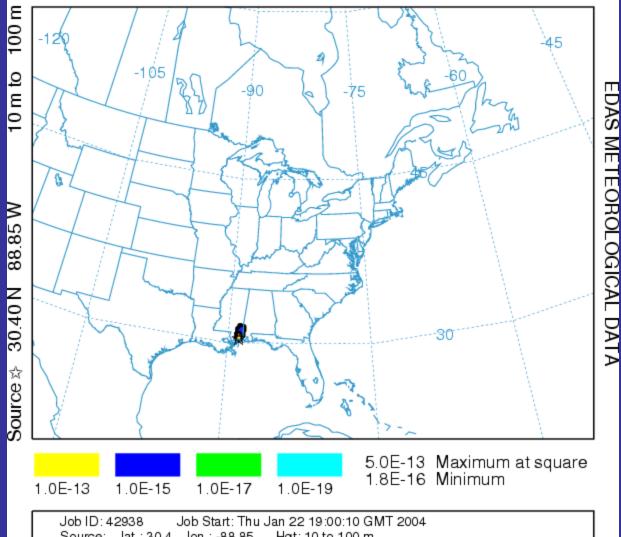
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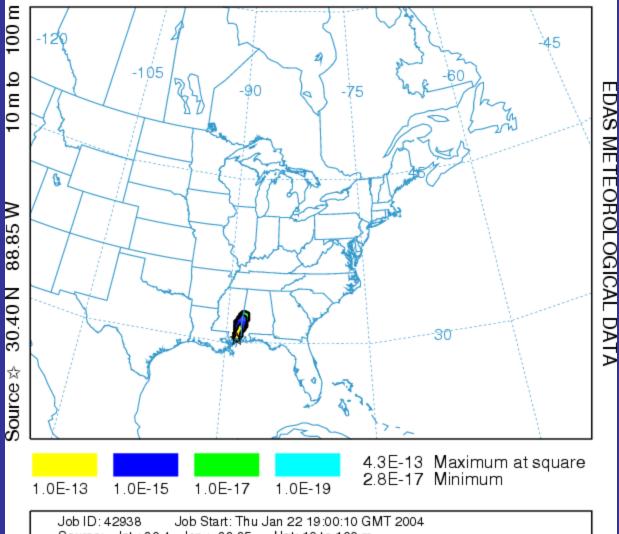
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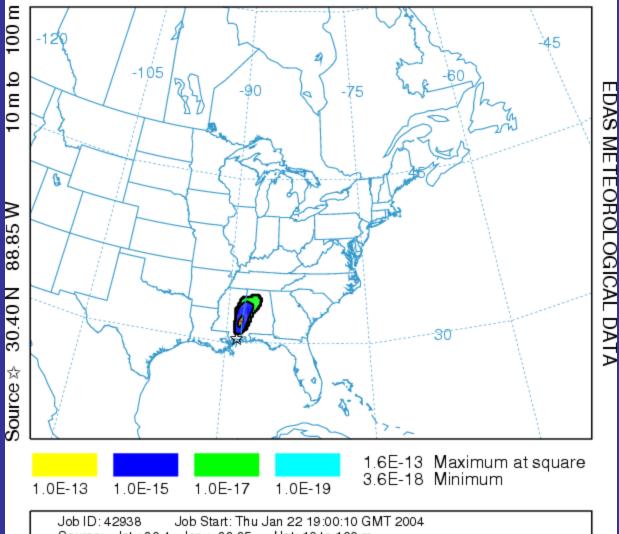
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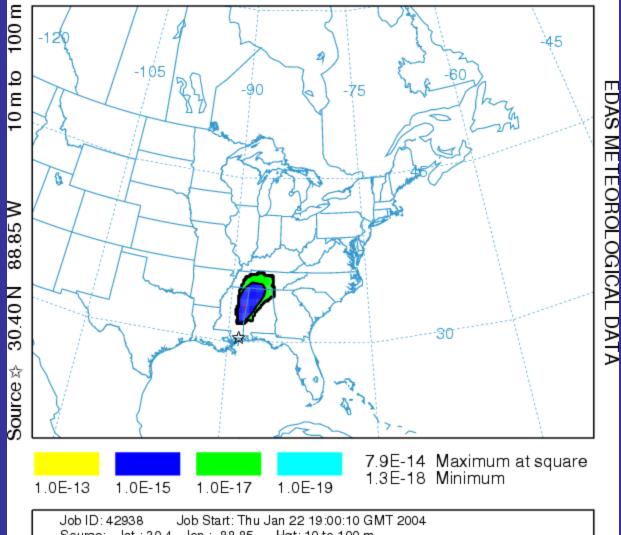
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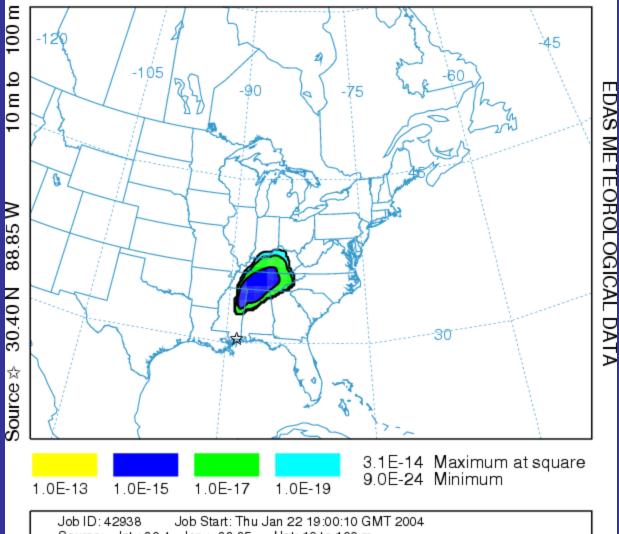
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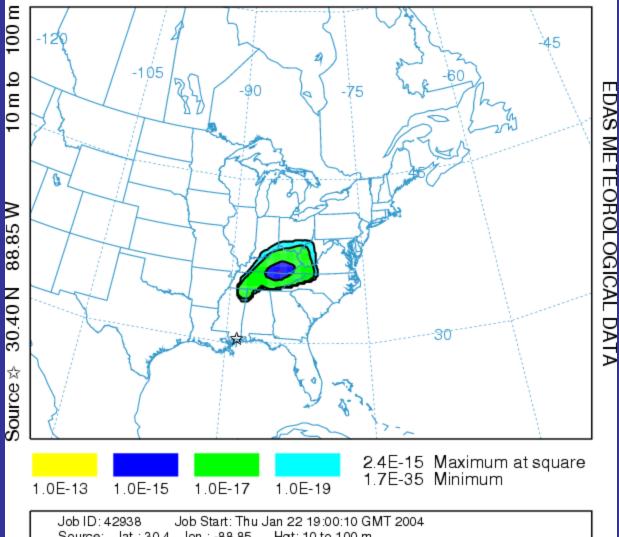
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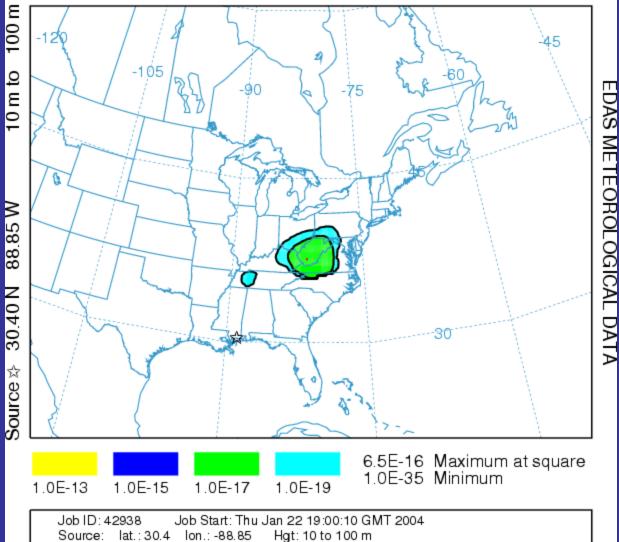
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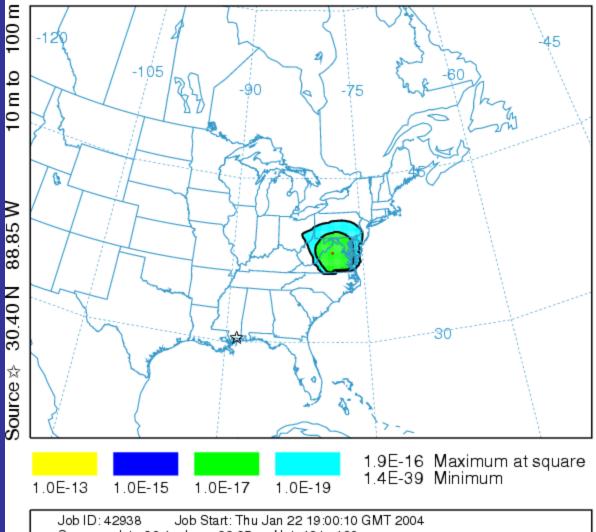
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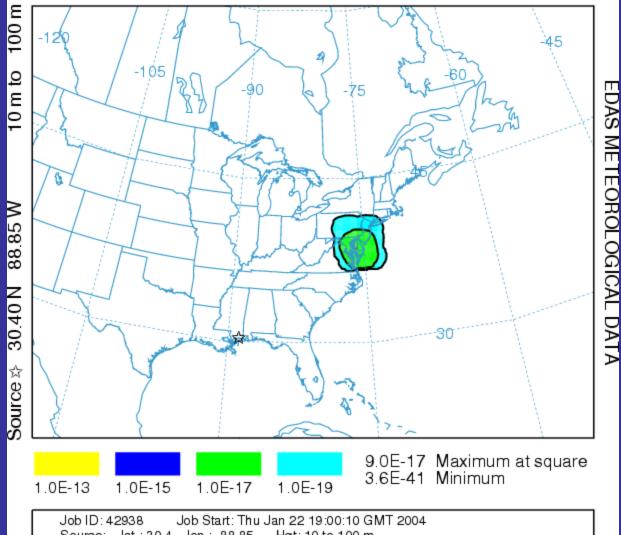
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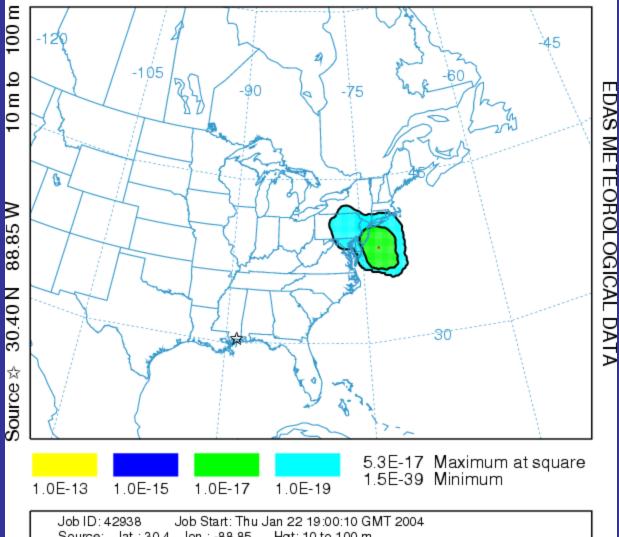
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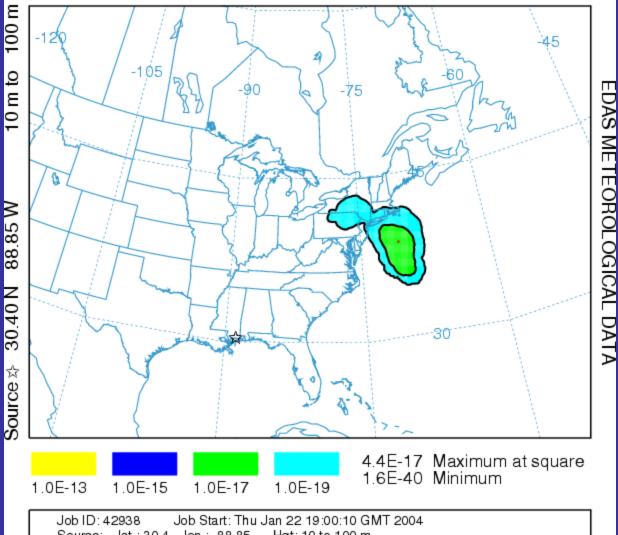
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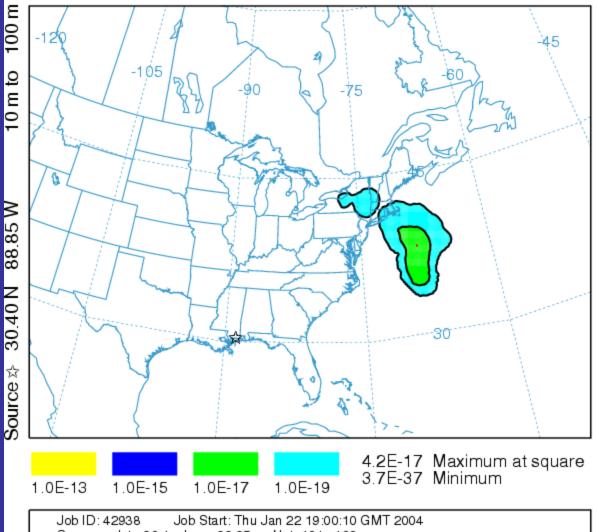
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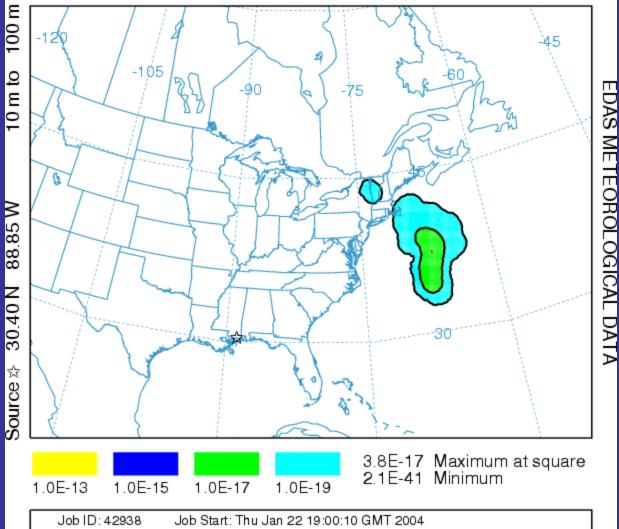
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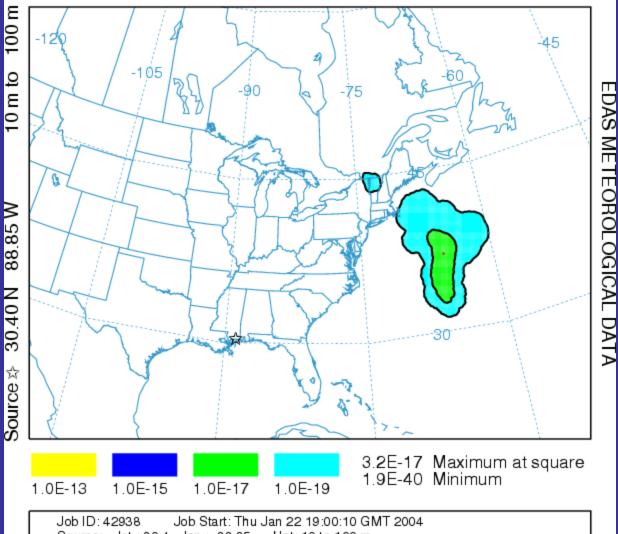
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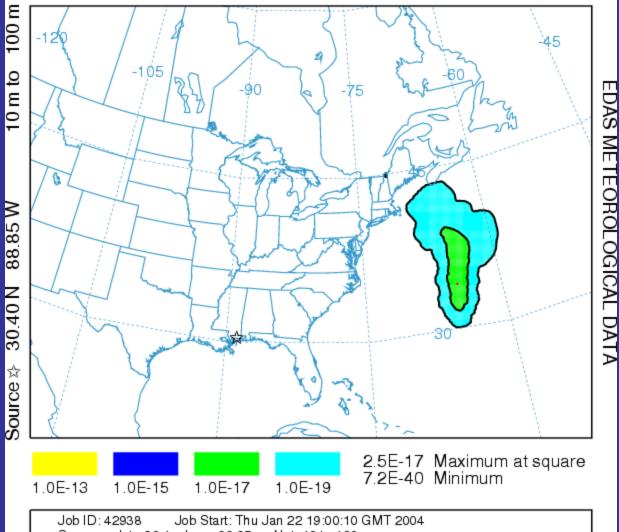
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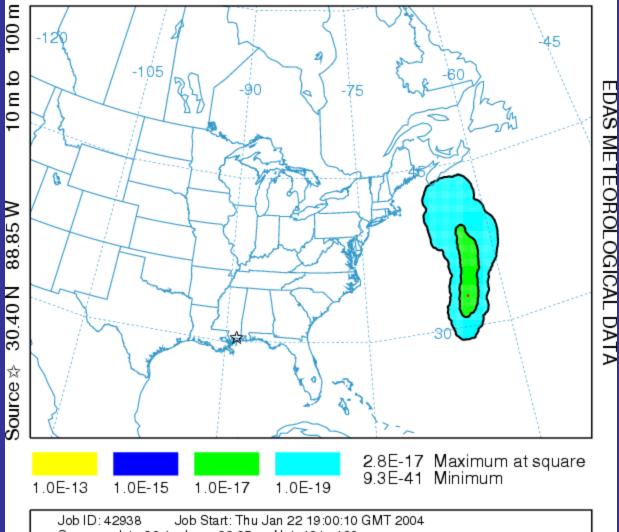
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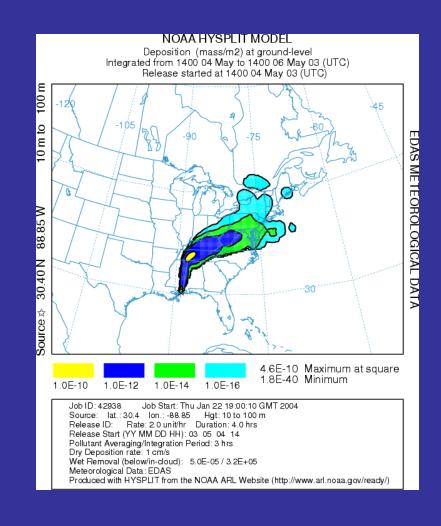
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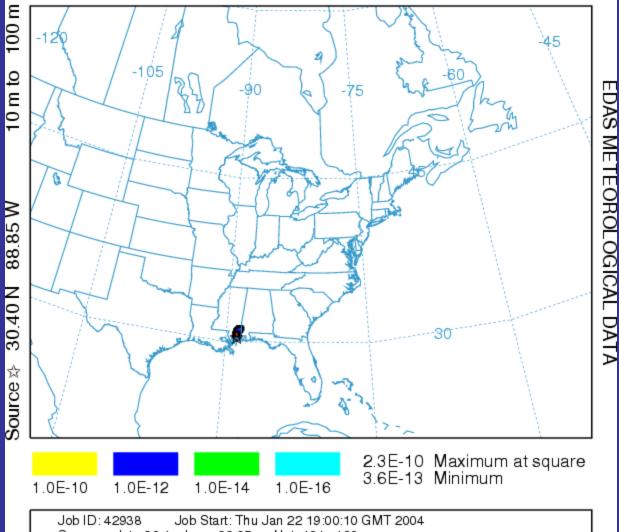
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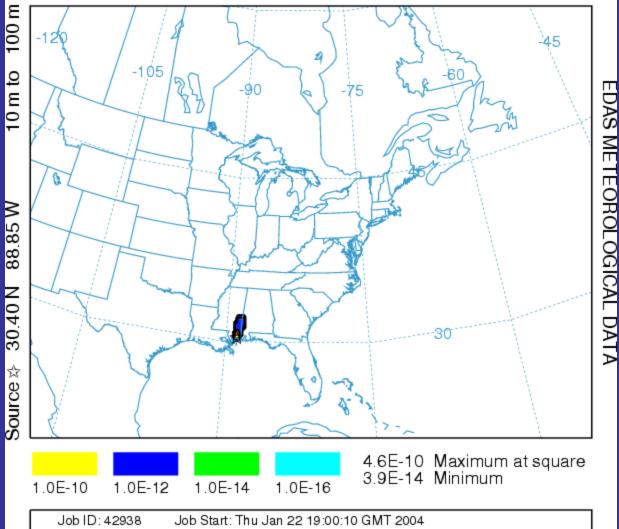
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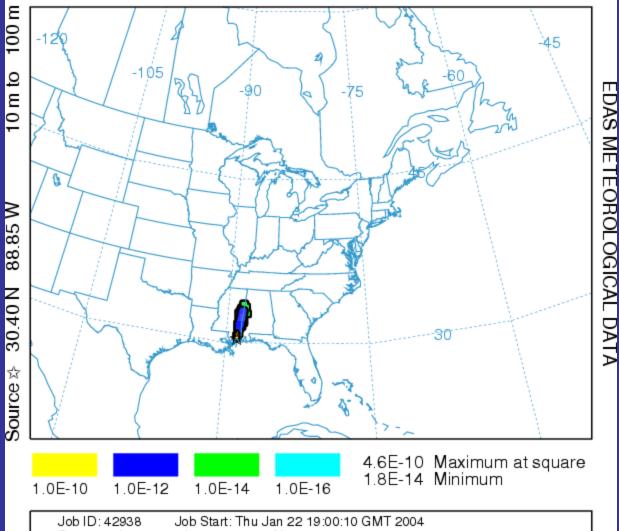
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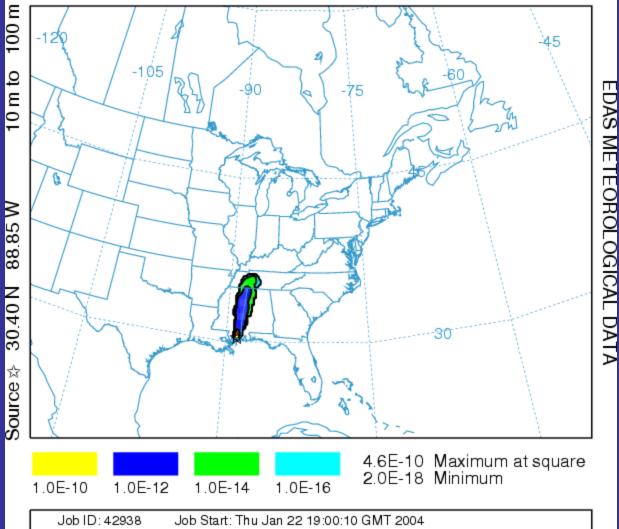
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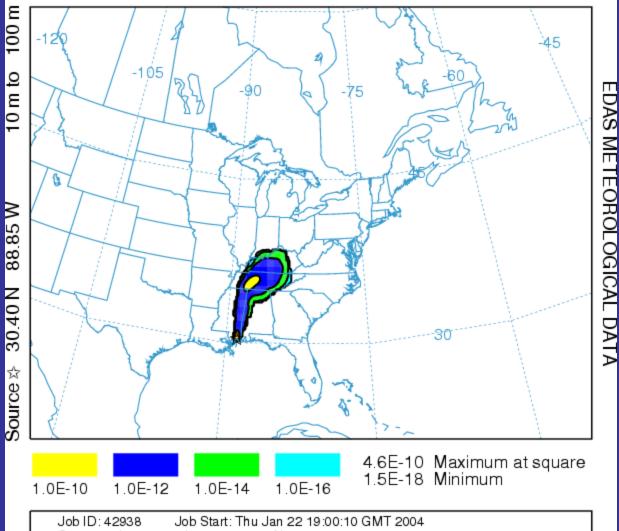
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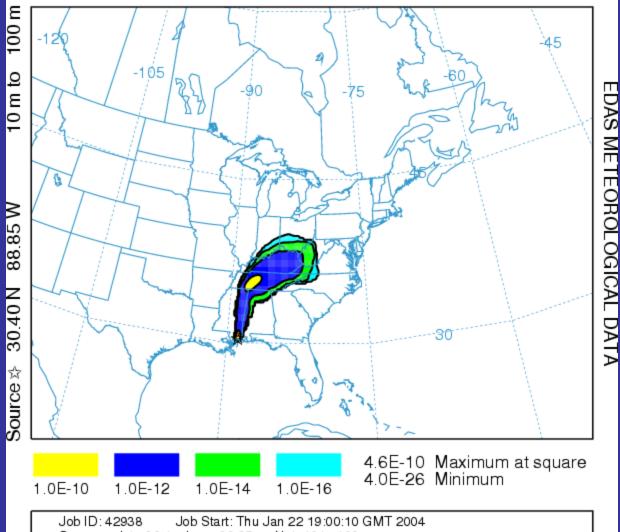
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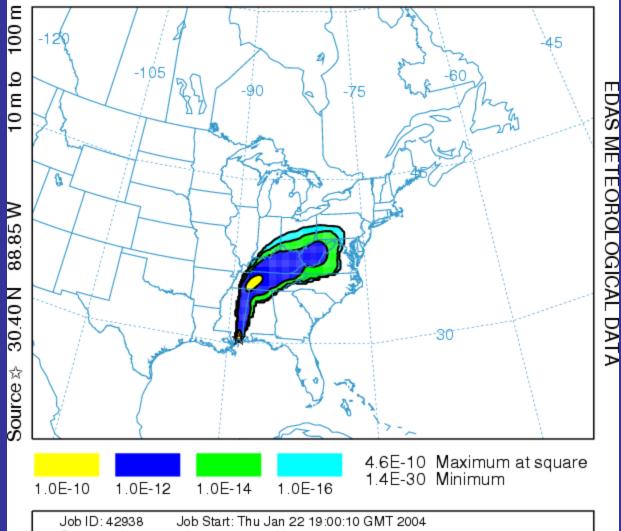
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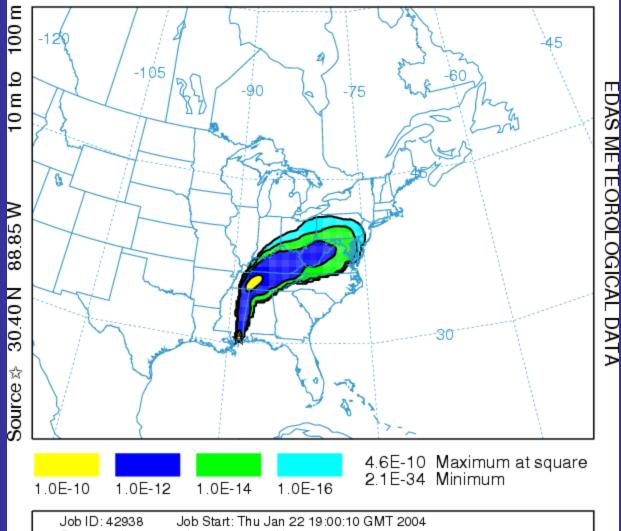
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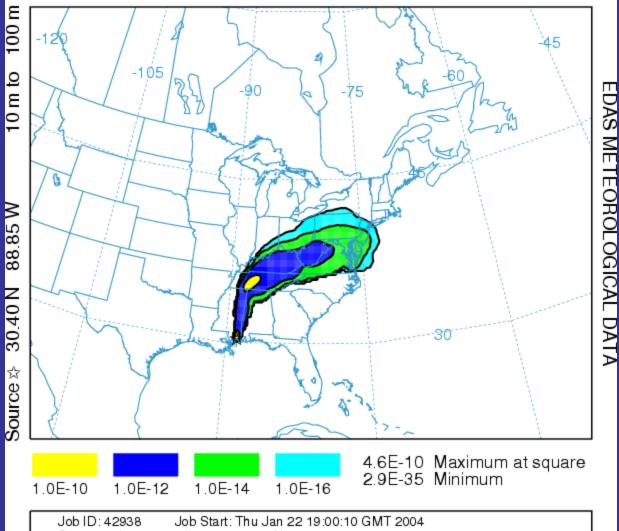
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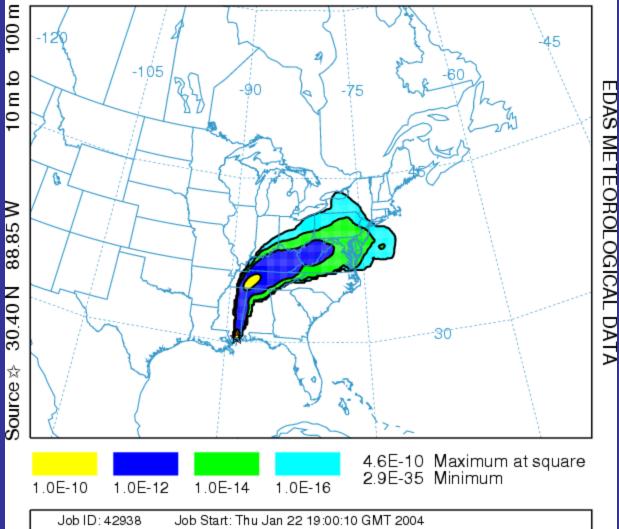
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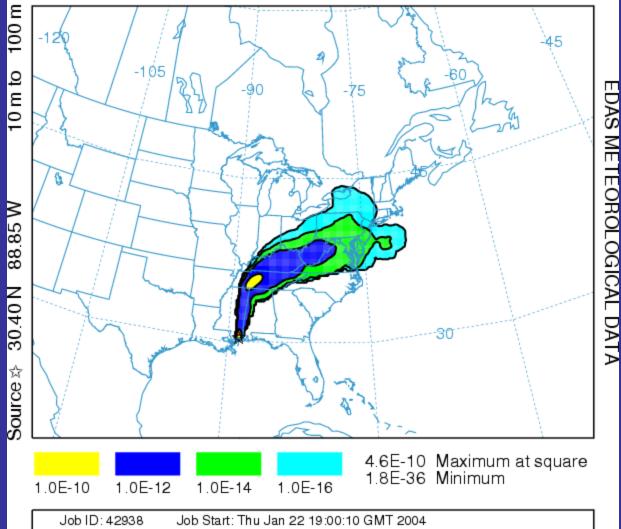
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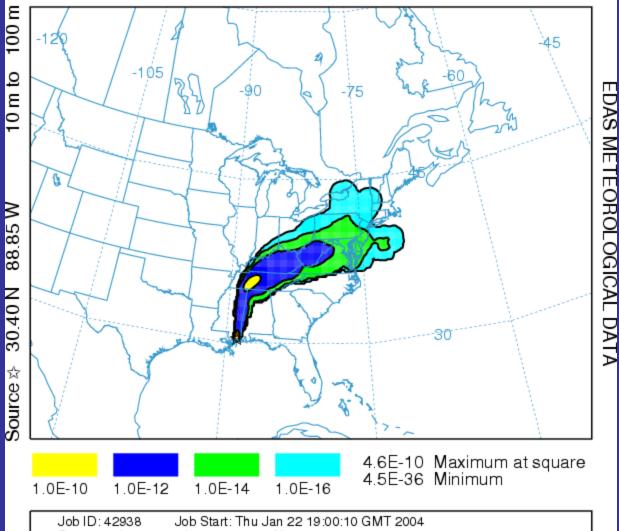
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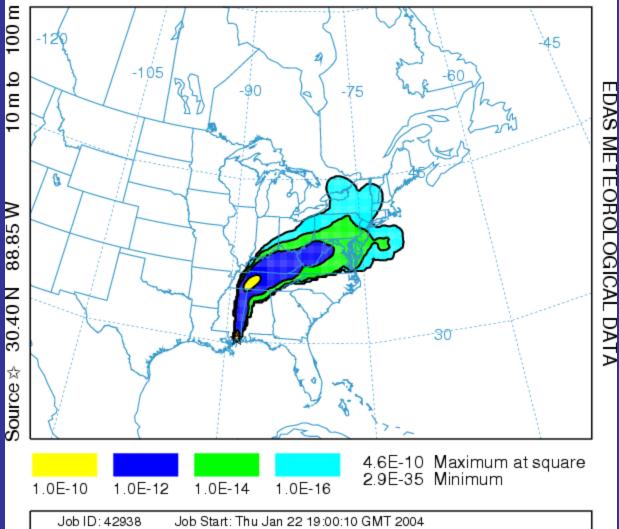
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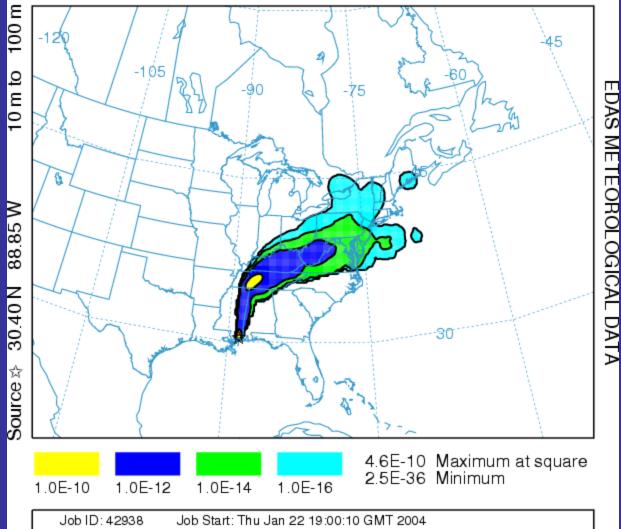
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Dry Deposition rate: 1 cm/s

Wet Removal (below/in-cloud): 5.0E-05 / 3.2E+05

Meteorological Data: EDAS

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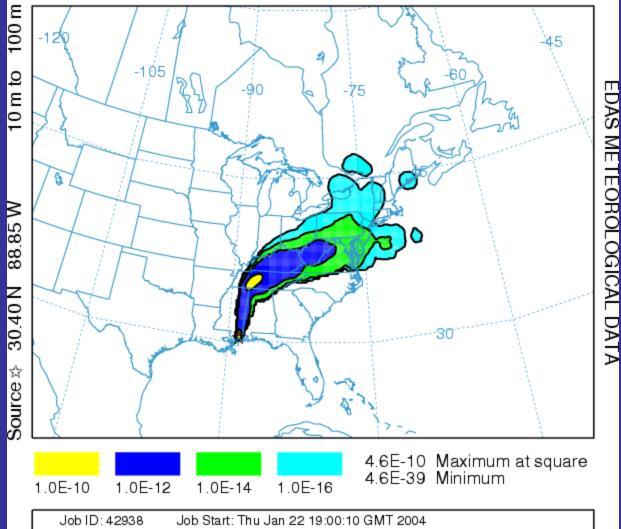
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Dry Deposition rate: 1 cm/s

Wet Removal (below/in-cloud): 5.0E-05 / 3.2E+05

Meteorological Data: EDAS

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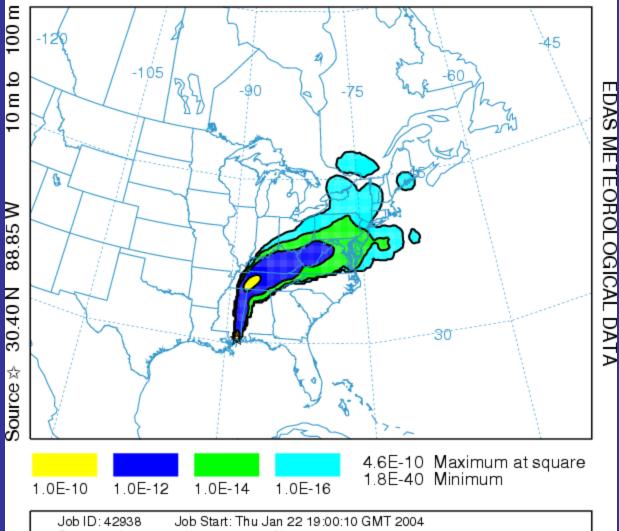
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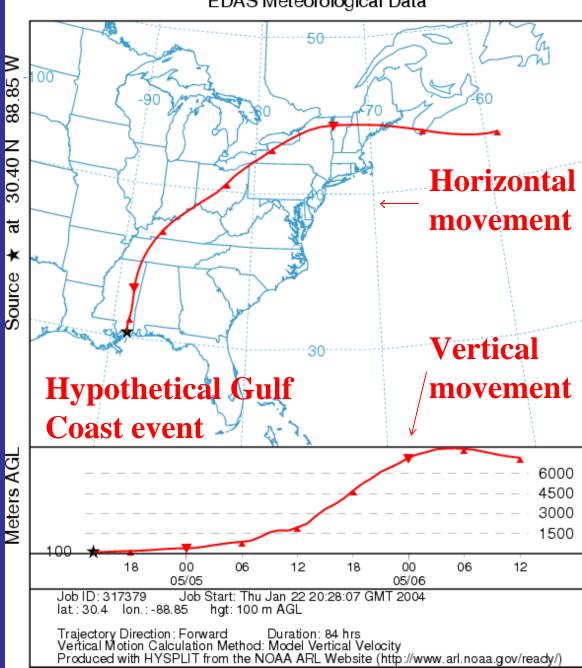
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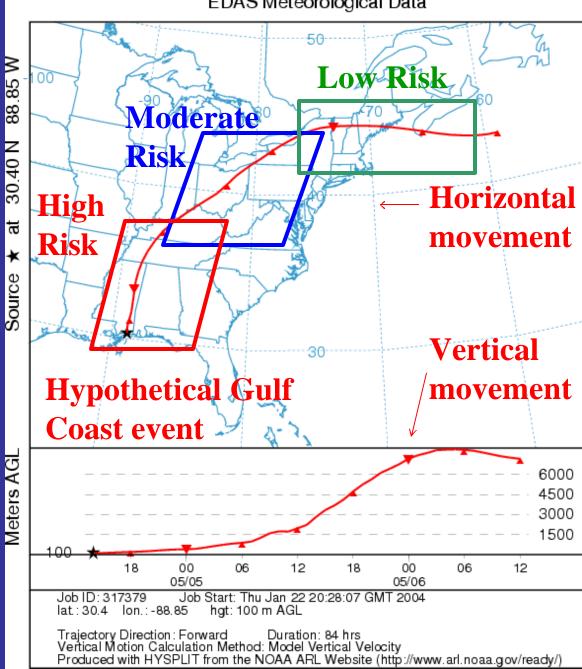
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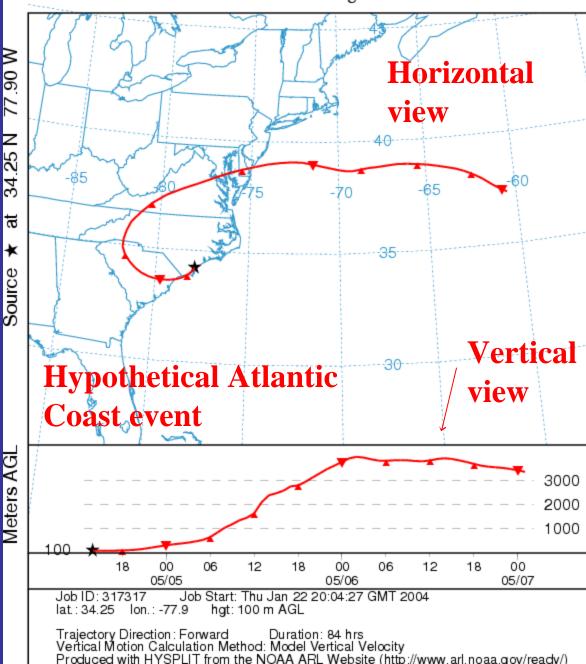


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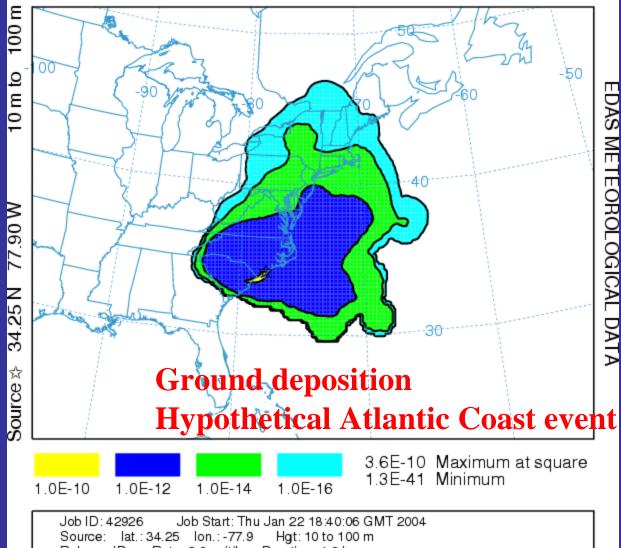


HYPOTHETICAL TRAJECTORY AND DISPERSION EVENT FROM THE ATLANTIC COAST ON MAY 4, 2003 (SAME DATE)

Forward trajectory starting at 14 UTC 04 May 03 EDAS Meteorological Data



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Dry Deposition rate: 1 cm/s

Wet Removal (below/in-cloud): 5.0E-05 / 3.2E+05

Meteorological Data: EDAS

Elements of the NAPDFC Toolkit

Trajectories from NOAA'S ARL

Aerobiological and Meteorological Processes

Status of Epidemic (Location, Intensity)

Communications Network

Meteorological Data (past, present, future)

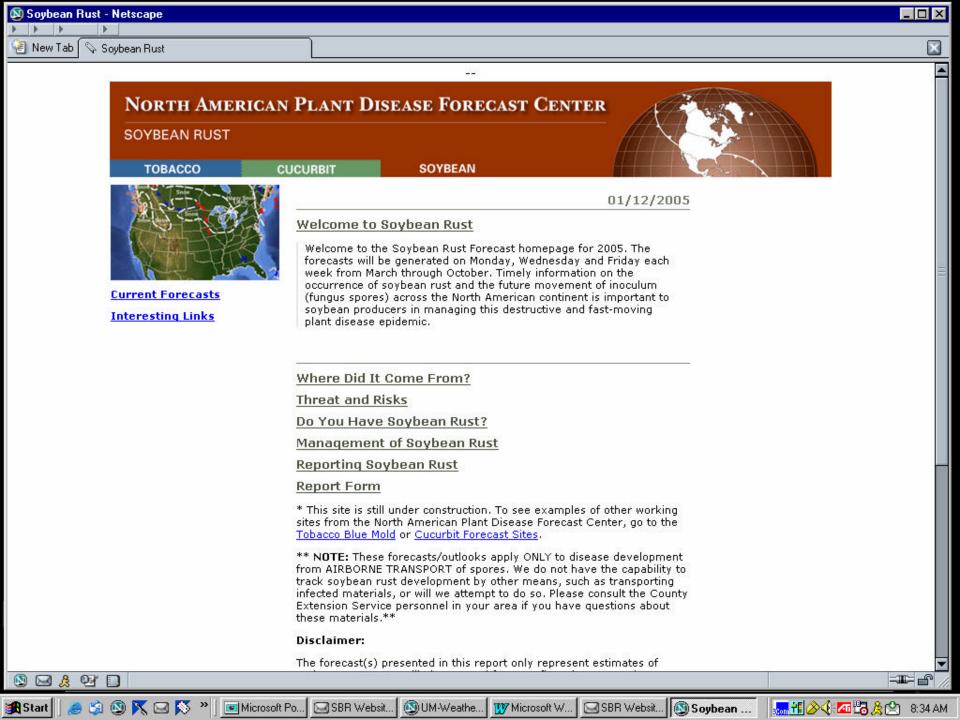
Experience

Nine Years of Producing Epidemic Forecasts via the

Internet

Three Plant Disease Epidemics

> 10,000 Evaluated Transport Events



DISEASE FORECASTING WEBSITES

NCSU Soybean Rust:

www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/pp/soybeanrust

ZedX Soybean Rust: soybeanrust.zedxinc.com

Tobacco Blue Mold:

www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/pp/bluemold

Cucurbit Downy Mildew:

www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/pp/cucurbit

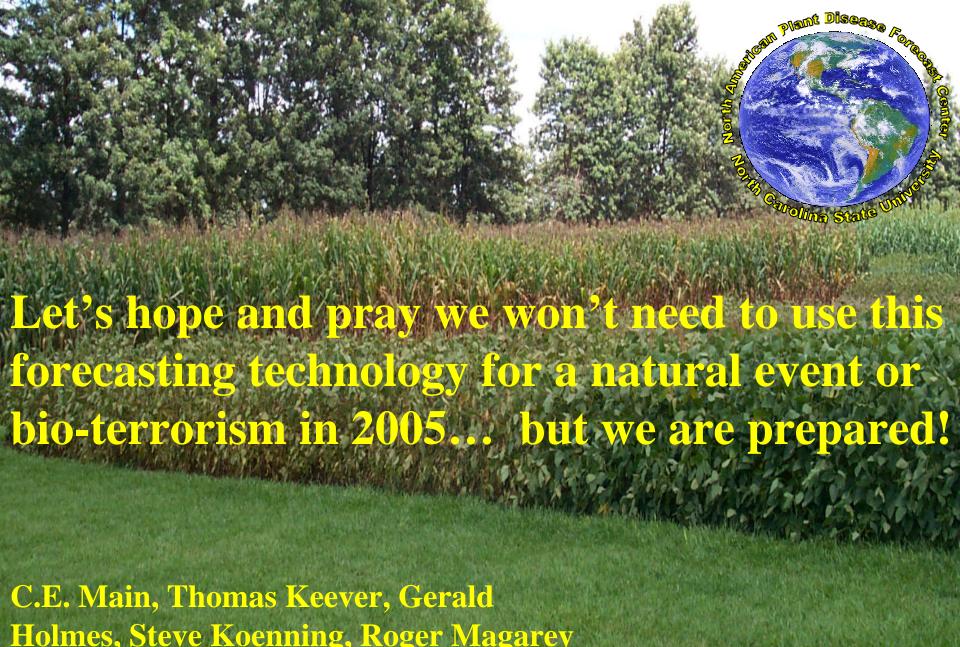
Mountain Cedar Pollen: pollen.utulsa.edu

What is Unique about the North American Plant Disease Forecast Center?

- Inter-Continental Forecasting
- State and International Reporting Network
- Forecasts Bring Together A Multitude of Necessary Components

What is Unique about the North American Plant Disease Forecast Center? (cont)

- Forecast Products are Current, and Readily Available to Growers, Industry, and Media Via the Internet and Toll-free Telephone
- All Forecasts Archived (1996 2004) for Reference and Educational Purposes
- Nine Years of Forecasting Experience



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